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A lawyer tries to drag Jesus into the labyrinth of laws. Perhaps he hopes he can lose Him there. Around 600 laws governed the daily life of a Jewish person. How would it be possible to choose one which is greater than all the others? Do not all of them come from the mouth of God and have equal weight?

I love the way Jesus doesn't choose one as the greatest. I'm not even sure that He chooses two! Instead, he invites the lawyer to touch the underlying structure of Love that all law and prophecy is built on. Choosing to be a loving person and expressing that Love for God and for others is the heart of the matter. Love is an interior dance and Jesus stresses the inner space from which Love and action flow.

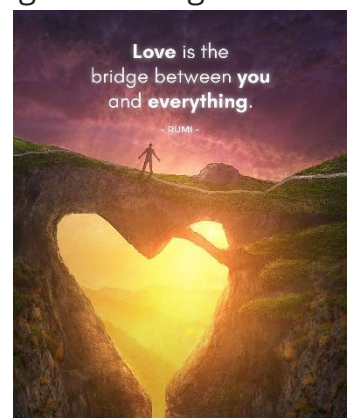
And it is probably true that in the modern world, we have even more laws than the mere 600 in the Torah. If we thought about it too much we would all get the screaming ab dabs. They surround every human activity. Laws about loans, living and dying, gift giving, parenting, driving or riding a bicycle, crime, food, sex, relationships. And let's not forget health and safety and the protection of vulnerable children and adults. Whether religious or secular the big question is always, "Did I behave in the right way? Did I keep the law? As long as I can say that I acted properly, the lawyers will be happy.

Once upon a time there was a very hard-working father who was hurrying out the door to work. His little boy was playing with his cars in the hallway. His dad patted him on the head and went out the door. But as he put his key in the ignition, he had an epiphany. "What am I doing? I'm too busy to spend time with my little boy. He'll be old before I know it". Harry Chapin was singing 'The cat in the hat' inside his head. The man goes back in the house, sits on the floor and plays cars with his boy. After two minutes the boy said, 'Daddy, why are you angry with me?'

Once upon another time, a woman took her elderly mother into her home after she had had a mild stroke. The daughter was very attentive to her mother's every need. But one day a huge fight erupted over a boiled egg. In the middle of the war of words the mother asked her daughter, 'Why are you doing all this for me anyway'. Her daughter started a litany of reasons. I want you to feel safe. I want you to be well. I think I ignored you a lot when I was younger and wanted to make up a little of that lost time. When she finished her litany, her mother said, "A load of old rubbish!" Her daughter was furious until her mother added, 'You don't need a list of reasons. We love each other. It's enough".

Father and daughter were behaving correctly but their actions did not flow from the heart centre of Love. Doing something because it is expected and doing something from the heart are two different experiences. A three-year-old, and a little old lady can see it clearly. Do you think that Jesus' interest in the heart space is clear enough for us? Perhaps that is why he insists that real forgiveness can only come from the heart.

It seems that when we are fluent with the inner landscape of sacred and human love, we can move more freely among the laws knowing their ultimate purpose. So we know when to heed them, when to modify them and when to dismiss them. We might even heal a sister or brother who is crippled, on a sabbath day.



## Insights from our Parish Contemplative Movement

*"I do not tremble when I see my weakness, for the treasures of a mother belong also to her child, and I am thy child, O dear Mother Mary."*

ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX



### GIVE Campaign Update #148



**A message from Justyna:** "On behalf of Nikolas and myself, I would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all the parishioners who supported the fundraiser to purchase a sports wheelchair for Nikolas ♥"

We've already purchased Nikolas's wheelchair and he is using it during training sessions and wheelchair football matches. We are incredibly grateful for your support, kindness and generosity. Thanks to you, Nikolas can continue to pursue his passion and enjoy playing wheelchair football! ⚽



We would like to warmly invite everyone who would like to see Nikolas in action to come along to his next match, which is on 8<sup>th</sup> November at the Bracknell Leisure Centre. Admission is free! We would be delighted if you could come along and cheer Nikolas on. Once again, thank you from the bottom of our hearts for all your support! ♥ "



**\*At 7:30pm\*** on the 31<sup>st</sup> October here at church, John Weeks will be hosting an event based on the journals of Mrs Papendiek. Readings, music, art, food and drink of the time (Georgian era), it's bordering on unmissable- please make it if you can.

**\*New and exciting Parish outings\*** are as follows:



-Sat 31<sup>st</sup> October 2:30pm @ South Hill Park: Come From Away- Musical, £22

- Tues 1<sup>st</sup> December 7:15pm @ Bracknell Cinema: Nutcracker by the Royal Ballet, £23

-Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> January 7:00pm @ South Hill Park: Aladdin - Adult Panto version, £30

Please call or text 07395 077913 (Rita) to register your interest, or to discuss future events.

### Laying on of Hands

There will be no laying on of hands after this weekend's Masses but will hopefully resume as normal next week.



### Wreath-Making Workshop

On **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> November** at 11am, we will be hosting a Christmas wreath-making workshop in the hall, kindly led by Angela Lansley. Tickets are £20. To register (places limited) please complete the following form:

<https://stjosephandstmargaretclitherow.churchsuite.com/-/forms/6vr0al5b>

### Mass of Anointing

On **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> November** at 10.30am, Corpus Christi Wokingham will celebrate a Mass of Anointing. The Mass is intended especially for those experiencing physical or mental health difficulties, those in need of spiritual support, and those of advancing years. We will come together in prayer, asking for healing, comfort and strength for ourselves and one another.



Tea and coffee will be available in the Keenan Rooms after Mass, and everyone is welcome to stay. If you need a lift to attend, please contact the SVP on 01182 114130 and leave a message, or email [suzettesymons@gmail.com](mailto:suzettesymons@gmail.com).



### Mass for the Bereaved

On **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> November**, at **10am** here at the church, there will be a Mass especially dedicated to those who have been bereaved. Please arrive early if you wish to light a candle or place a photo of your loved one on the Altar. Tea and cakes will be served in the hall afterwards.

### Portsmouth Diocese Parish Evangelisation Formation Day- Last chance to sign up!

You are warmly invited to join us for a morning as we explore how parish groups, one of our Diocese's Six Holy Habits, can deepen our faith and impact our parishes as they become welcoming places for all. The "Parish Cell System" (often called PECs) focuses on transforming parishes into active, missionary communities through small, home-based groups (cells) focused on fellowship, prayer and scripture. Join us on **Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> October** for an inspiring day of teaching, prayer, practical formation, and fellowship at the Portsmouth Diocese Parish Evangelisation Formation Day. Lunch will be provided as part of the day. Please register by email Meghan on [ffm@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:ffm@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) or using the link: <https://forms.office.com/e/JGgE7zeuun> as this helps us with ensuring we have enough food and have catered for people's needs. We ask people to register by **Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> October**.

### Daily Rosary on Zoom

The Knights of St. Columba Parish Fatima Devotions Group prays the rosary over Zoom each weekday at 1:30pm. Next week's access ID (26-30/10)  
Zoom Access ID: 819 7568 5239 Password : *rosary*



| Parish Events                                    | When?                                   | Where?              |
|--------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|---------------------|
| RCIA                                             | Thursdays, 7:30pm-9pm                   | Church Hall         |
| Cuppa & Chat (60+) ☺                             | Every Tuesday (term time only), 2pm-3pm | Church Hall         |
| Children's Liturgy ( <b>please pre-book</b> ) 👧👦 | 01/11                                   | Church Hall         |
| Soup & Roll                                      | 13/11, 12:45pm                          | Church Hall         |
| Parish Prayer Group 🙏                            | 27/10, 7pm                              | Church Hall         |
| Monthly Filipino Mass                            | 01/11, 5pm                              | St. Joseph's Church |
| Orthodox Mass                                    | 25/10, 12:30pm-2:30pm                   | St. Joseph's Church |



We pray for the repose of the souls of Jean Flower and John Richardson. The funeral service for Jean will be on **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October** from 2pm at Easthampstead Park Crematorium. The funeral service for John will be on **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November** from 12:30pm here at church, followed by a burial at Easthampstead Park Cemetery at 2pm.

**May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.**

### WE PRAY FOR THOSE IN OUR PARISH COMMUNITY WHO ARE SICK, HOUSEBOUND OR IN HOSPITAL AND FOR THOSE WHO CARE FOR THEM

|                   |                       |                     |                   |                       |
|-------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| Amanda Killestein | Claire Berry          | Evelyn Caruso       | Mary Phelan       | Sarah Flemming        |
| Angela Dossett    | Claire Hose           | Inge Walker         | Mary Stocking     |                       |
| Ann D'Ambrosio    | Cliff Nicholls        | Cherrilyn Clyne     | Mary Sullivan     | Susan Tobin           |
| Ann O'Sullivan    | Colleen McCormack     | Pat Sutton          | Patricia Holmwood | Terri & Andy Landmann |
| Anne Hardy        | Debbie Hanley         | Jean Lovejoy        | Paula Sandford    |                       |
| Arthur Hardy      | Dorcas Innes-Grant    | Judith Newman       | Peggy McCullough  | Veronika Jastrzebski  |
| Audrey Lam        | Douglas Hunt          | Margaret Finnieston | Raf Roberts       | Vivienne Halfpenny    |
| Bridget Riordan   | Dymphna Slade         | Marie Swash         |                   |                       |
| Carole Mayes      | Emma & Rico Morales   | Mary King           | Rita Hayes        |                       |
| Charles Beard     | Edmund & Kate Carroll |                     | Sally Torode      |                       |

To add or remove a name to this list with consent, please contact the Parish Office.  
If you or your relative is housebound, or because of illness cannot come to Mass and wish to receive Holy Communion at home, call the office on 01344 425729 or email [office@bracknellcatholicchurch.org](mailto:office@bracknellcatholicchurch.org)

## PARISH OF ST JOSEPH and ST MARGARET CLITHEROW, BRACKNELL

**Parish Priest:** Fr. Daniel McAvoy **Deacon:** Rev. Aidan Lynch

**Parish Administrators:** Francis Barton and Donna Mody

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## MASS TIMES

| THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME           |                  |         |                                     |                                     |
|---------------------------------------------|------------------|---------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Saturday                                    | 24 <sup>th</sup> | 6pm     | Mass                                | Steve Ottewill RIP                  |
| Sunday                                      | 25 <sup>th</sup> | 8:30am  | Mass                                | Derek Alexander RIP                 |
|                                             |                  | 10:30am | Mass                                | Thanksgiving: Henry, Diana & Family |
| Monday                                      | 26 <sup>th</sup> |         | <b>NO MASS</b>                      |                                     |
| Tuesday                                     | 27 <sup>th</sup> | 10am    | Mass                                | Robbie McDonald RIP                 |
| <b>Ss SIMON &amp; JUDE, Apostles, feast</b> |                  |         |                                     |                                     |
| Wednesday                                   | 28 <sup>th</sup> | 10am    | Mass                                |                                     |
| Thursday                                    | 29 <sup>th</sup> | 10am    | Mass                                |                                     |
| Friday                                      | 30 <sup>th</sup> | 11am    | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament |                                     |
|                                             |                  | 12 noon | Mass                                |                                     |
| Saturday                                    | 31 <sup>st</sup> | 10am    | Mass                                |                                     |
|                                             |                  | 11am    | Confessions                         |                                     |
| ALL SAINTS                                  |                  |         |                                     |                                     |
| Saturday                                    | 31 <sup>st</sup> | 6pm     | Mass                                | Colin Collier RIP                   |
| Sunday                                      | 1 <sup>st</sup>  | 8:30am  | Mass                                | Parish Intentions                   |
|                                             |                  | 10:30am | Mass                                | Maria & Felix Vilhervosa RIP        |

**ALL MASSES ARE LIVESTREAMED** <https://www.bracknellcatholicchurch.org/watch-live>

**New to our parish or not yet registered?**

<https://www.bracknellcatholicchurch.org/parish-life/parish-registration>

### Pastoral Care 01344 425729

[office@bracknellcatholicchurch.org](mailto:office@bracknellcatholicchurch.org)

Are you lonely? Are you ill and in need of prayer and/or support? Perhaps you have not had contact with the Catholic Church for a while. Whatever the reason, please do get in touch for a chat.

### Bereavement Support

**07852 497 218**

[bereavement@bracknellcatholicchurch.org](mailto:bereavement@bracknellcatholicchurch.org)

Are you in the land of loss & would appreciate a chat with someone in our group? If so, do not hesitate to get in touch.

### SVP Call **IN CONFIDENCE** 07731

**862 349**

If you are struggling financially and need practical assistance, the local Society of St Vincent de Paul (SVP) may be able to help. Do call us in confidence for a chat.

**DONATIONS TO PARISH FUNDS** Online, Bank Transfer, DD, <https://www.bracknellcatholicchurch.org/give/>  
**BANK DETAILS:** Account Name: CDP Bracknell St Joseph Sort Code: 30-93-04; Account Number: 00875520

PLEASE MAKE CHEQUES PAYABLE TO: **CDP BRACKNELL ST JOSEPH**

**JOB'S AVAILABLE IN THE DIOCESE:** <https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/about-us/other/jobs>

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